

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 16, except for structure (23). Similarly, independent claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 17, except for structure (23). Accordingly, claims 16-17 have been canceled. Claim 11, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, has been rewritten in independent form.

Entry of the Amendment “after final” is submitted to be proper since Applicants are merely combining claims and rewriting one claim (i.e., claim 11) in independent form.

Upon entry of the Amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-15 will be pending.

In Paragraph No. 4 of the Action, claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12-14, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Hatakeyama et al (US 2003/0207201 A1).

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn because Hatakeyama et al does not disclose or render obvious the stimulus sensitive composition of the present invention.

As discussed above, independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 16 and 17, except for structure (23), respectively.

PAG 16 of Hatakeyama et al cited by the Examiner corresponds to the case where Y in formula (I) of the present claims is the structure (23) in the previously presented claims 16 and 17. Although the Examiner stated that PAG 16 of Hatakeyama et al meets the case where Y is the structure (21), this understanding is not correct, as will be apparent to the Examiner on a further review of the structures in question.

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In view of the amendment incorporating claims 16 and 17, except for structure (23), into independent claims 1 and 14, respectively, Hatakeyama et al is distinguished from the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 102(e) rejection of claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12-14, 16 and 17 based on Hatakeyama et al.

In Paragraph No. 6 of the Action, claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hatakeyama et al '201.

Applicants submit that this rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn for the same reasons that the section 102(e) rejection of claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12-14, 16 and 17 based on Hatakeyama et al should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In Paragraph No. 7 of the Action, claims 2, 5, 11 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

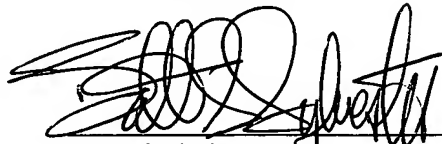
As noted, claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form. As to claims 2, 5 and 15, Applicants submit that they are allowable in their present form, in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 14 discussed above.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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